(b) if so, whether Government are taking any measures to spread awareness about Right to Information to each village and common man in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Section 26 of the RTI Act casts responsibilities on appropriate Governments to develop and organize educational programmes to advance the understanding of the public, in particular of disadvantaged communities about exercise of the rights under the Act. As far as Central Government is concerned, appropriate measures have been taken to spread awareness through the media.

Unemployment scenario in the Country

530. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Planning Commission, the unemployment scenario in the country is likely to remain grim, downsizing of loss making PSUs would continue, public sector could add more than 5 million jobs, recruitment in some areas is cut to minimize financial stress due to fiscal correction, number of Government jobs may not see a rise during the Eleventh Plan period; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to meet the shortcomings that have been found in the Eleventh Plan report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan states that the Eleventh Plan aims at a sustainable growth rate of approximately 10% by the end of its period. It will create productive employment and reduce unemployment.

The Approach Pager also states that with the ongoing fiscal correction to continue into the Eleventh Plan, the further increase in permanent Government jobs' appears difficult. However, profitable public sector enterprises are expected to grow faster by liberalizing their reserve and this should reverse the contraction of Public Sector Enterprises (PSE) employment seen in the last decade. It further states that the public sector will not add more than 5 million jobs during the Eleventh Plan period.

Additionally, the Government is implementing various employment generating schemes such as National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY).

Number of BPL beneficiaries

531. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of BPL beneficiaries that have been listed in the country; and

(b) the details of these beneficiaries, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development conducts BPL

survey to identify the status of BPL households living in the rural area who could be assisted under the programme of Ministry. Total number of BPL beneficiaries and State-wise details are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

State-wise number of BPL beneficiaries

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of BPL Families
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4184628
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	80627
3.	Assam	2164416
4.	Bihar	9399281
5.	Goa	23101
6.	Gujarat	1980879
7.	Haryana	503019
8.	Himachal Pradesh	286112
9.	J&K	606545
10.	Karnataka	2202756
11.	Kerala	1723556
12.	Madhya Pradesh	5111874
13.	Maharashtra	3860675
14.	Manipur	246980
15.	Meghalaya	156646
16.	Mizoram	74154
17.	Nagaland $$	88541
18.	Orissa $$	4445736
19.	Punjab	650209
20.	Rajasthan	2097560
21.	Sikkim	NR
22.	Tamil Nadu	2737921
23.	Tripura	397798
24.	Uttar Pradesh	7541494
25.	West Bengal	4918296
26.	A & N Island	6421
27.	D & N Haveli	17231
28.	Daman & Diu	395
29.	Lakshadweep	885
30.	Pondicherry	63262
	TOTAL:	55570998

Source: Ministry of Rural Development - Results of the BPL Census-1997

N R – Not Reported

$$ – Rural Households